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SUBJ: NATO CONSULTATIONS ON UN DEVELOPMENTS

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1. USUN CONSIDERS BELGIAN PROPOSAL SET FORTH IN REFTEL (B) TO BE PRACTICAL APPROACH TO MATTER OF NATO CONSULTATIONS ON UN DEVELOPMENTS. USUN CONCURS IN DESIRABILITY OF NATO ALLIES AVOIDING PITFALL OF PRESENTING THEMSELVES AS "BLOC" IN NEW YORK. ACCORDINGLY, USUN BELIEVES THAT EXISTING CONSULTATIVE BODIES IN NEW YORK WHICH INCLUDE NATO MEMBERS VINCI GROUP; AND EC-9 GROUP, COULD WELL BE UTILIZED AS APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION HERE OF NATO-RELATED UN DEVELOPMENTS.

2. USUN CONCURS WITH U.S. REP THAT THERE MAY BE DIFFERENCES IN JUDGMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SOME OF ITS ALLIES ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SPECIFIC CHARGES AND TEXTS AND CONCERNING HOW SEVERELY FALSEHOODS AND INSULTS SHOULD BE CONTESTED. USUN BELIEVES THAT THIS WILL BE AN AREA IN WHICH THE U.S. WILL NEED TO BE PREPARED TO USE ITS POWERS OF EXPOSITION AND ADVOCACY IN PERSUADING OUR NATO ALLIES ON MATTERS WE CONSIDER IMPORTANT. HOPEFULLY, THEY IN TURN

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WILL BE ABLE TO HELP TO PERSUADE THIRD AND FOURTH WORLD

STATES OF THE REALITIES OF A SITUATION. WE SENSE A TREND OF GROWING FIRMNESS IN THE WEOG AGAINST LEFTIST TACKS BY WEOG MEMBERS SUCH AS SWEDEN AND MALTA. ADDITIONALLY, GOVERNMENTAL SHIFTS IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND MAY GIVE WEOG AND VINCI GROUP MORE BACKBONE.

3. WE SHOULD PERHAPS RECORD THAT, AT LEAST AT WORKING LEVEL, BRITISH AND BELGIAN MISSIONS HERE, WHO SHARE OUR INTEREST IN KEEPING COMMON NATO CONCERNS IN VIEW IN UN CONTEXT, ARE LESS CONCERNED THAN WE ABOUT PROJECTING IMAGE OF "NATO BLOC." WE HAVE LEARNED THAT BRITISH AND BELGIANS HAVE RECOMMENDED TO CAPITALS THAT NATO REPRESENTATIVES MEET IN NEW YORK PERIODICALLY, AT LEAST FOR LUNCHEON DISCUSSIONS.
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